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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2006. Amendments to the Specification begin at page 3 of this paper. A Listing of Claims begins on page 5 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

Applicants petition for a 3-month extension of time for submission of this response, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee for the extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

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Applicants request the Examiner to kindly grant a telephone interview to the undersigned to discuss this response and to advance prosecution of the application.